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Dutch Poultry and Egg Production

Poultry Meat Stricter environmental regulations and low prices in 1999 resulted in a slight decrease in production for 2000 after five decades of almost continuous growth. During 2000, Dutch poultry meat imports and exports rose to new records of 283,000 MT and 705,000 MT, respectively. Less than 10 percent of poultry imports come from outside the EU. Dutch poultry meat exports rank fifth in the world after the United States, China, France and Brazil.

Eggs During 2000, egg production grew three percent to 11.1 billion eggs. However, for the first half of 2001 egg production was 2.7 percent lower than the same period in 2000. Imports declined by nearly 25 percent to 1.3 billion while exports dropped two percent to 8.6 million eggs. Exports to third countries declined 35 percent to 1.2 billion due to increased competition from China and India and lower export restitutions. Dutch egg production is expected to stabilize at 11.0 million in 2002.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS)

U.S. Poultry Exports

The largest factor in the growth of overall broiler exports has been the increase in shipments to Russia. Through July, shipments have totaled 1.3 billion pounds, up over 100 percent from the previous year. This more than offsets the decline in exports to Latvia and Estonia. Shipments are also much higher to countries such as Poland (up 92 percent), Georgia (up 28 percent), and a number of Newly Independent States (NIS). Countries closer to home have also been growing rapidly. Mexico continues to be the third largest market and is six percent higher than in 2000. Shipments to Guatemala and Colombia have expanded rapidly in 2001, turning them into substantial markets for broiler products. Exports have not increased to all countries. Shipments to Hong Kong are currently 2.4 percent lower than the previous year. The drop in exports to Hong Kong may be partially explained by a sharp rise in the price for broiler wings. In August, the wholesale price for broiler wings in the Southeast market was 98 cents a pound, an increase of 72 percent over last year. In 2000, shipments of broiler wings to Hong Kong accounted for 12 percent of its total imports from the United States.

U.S. Poultry Exports in Metric Tons

Jan-Jul 2000 Jan-Jul 2001 Jul 2000 Jul 2001

Broilers-Cut-Up	1,381,679	1,599,278	191,960	221,579
Broilers-Whole	8,915	6,830	1,249	1,007
Other Poultry	3,439	3,134	445	421
Prep.Poultry	28,923	52,217	4,156	10,782
Spent Hens	77,920	28,422	8,242	4,407
Turkey Cuts	97,318	111,412	11,182	12,243
Whole Turkeys	7,762	2,448	807	324
Sausages	11,041	22,412	1,701	2,814
Total U.S.	1,616,996	1,826,153	219,743	253,576

Source: USDA/Economic Research Service and FAS

BSE Confirmed in Japan

Britain's Veterinary Laboratories Agency confirmed that a cow in Chiba Prefecture in Japan was the first such animal in Asia to test positive for bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE). A dairy cow in Chiba Prefecture with suspicious behavior was slaughtered on August 6 and submitted for testing at a Japanese research center. The first test was negative but revealed air pockets in the brain. Two subsequent tests were positive.

Thought to have been destroyed, later an official said the animal had been processed into feed. An Agriculture Ministry spokesman said a meal plant and a feed mill in different Japanese states were in possession of tons of meal that included processed meat and bones from the diseased animal. He said no feed or other products containing the meat and bone meal had been sold to customers.

On Tuesday September 18 the Japanese government banned the use of meat-based feed products for cattle. In 1996 the Ministry of Agriculture asked the domestic livestock industry not to use the animal protein feed for cattle, however there was no enforcement. The Chiba prefectural banned the feeding of MBM to pigs and chickens raised in the prefecture, to reduce the possibility of cows being fed MBM.

In January 2001, the Food and Agriculture Organization issued a warning saying that more than 100 countries which have imported meat and bone meal (MBM) or live cattle from Western Europe during the 1980's are at risk. Particularly at risk are Eastern Europe, Asia and the Near East. Most imported feed used in Japan comes from the U.S., Canada and Australia, all believed to be free of BSE. However, some feed was imported from European countries, including Denmark and Italy, before a Japanese ban on European feed took effect this year.

Japan beef exports are minimal. For the fiscal year ending March, 2001, beef exports totaled 69 tons or .02 percent.

Reported Cases of BSE Worldwide (updated Sep 17, 2001)

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
UK	8,149	4,393	3,235	2,301	1,537	318
Belgium	0	1	6	3	9	24
Czech	0	0	0	0	0	2
Denmark	0	0	0	0	1	3
France	12	6	18	31**	161	103
Germany	0	2*	0	0	7	95
Greece	0	0	0	0	0	1
Ireland	73	80	83	91	149	56
Italy	0	0	0	0	0	26
Netherlands	0	2	2	2	2	11
Portugal	29	30	106	170	163	72
Spain	0	0	0	0	2	63
Switzerland	45	38	14	50	33	24
Japan	0	0	0	0	0	1

*imported cases

**includes one imported case

Source: Office International Des Epizooties (OIE), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), and various sources

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Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending Sep 22, 2001		Year-To-Date	
	2001	2000 /1	2001	2000
Liquid	520	153	8,769	5,266
Frozen	0	0	78	126
Dried	0	0	40	419
Total	520	153	8,887	5,811

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

	Week Ending Sep 22, 2001		Year-To-Date	
	2001	2000 /1	2001	2000
Liquid	180	10	4,048	4,047
Frozen	2	1	1,075	658
Dried	0	0	485	701
Total	182	11	5,608	5,406

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending Sep 22, 2001		Year-To-Date	
	2001	2000 /1	2001	2000
Jumbo	0	120	87	1,863
Extra Large	2,140	1,111	50,952	37,699
Large	6,555	3,831	97,107	109,062
Medium	300	690	34,168	26,169
Ungraded	13,920	12,270	294,170	290,164
Misc	0	0	67,220	9,387
Total	22,915	18,022	543,704	474,344

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

28-SEP-2001				
CHICKEN				
	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			

FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

28-SEP-2001				
CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED				
	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			

FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	17.35	17.00	202,400	80,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.35	17.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	14.50-19.00	11.00-16.50	2,225,600	568,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.46	14.68		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	15.00	81,600	-
WTD AVERAGE		15.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 22-Sep-01
(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	2,004	1,438	3,442
LAST WEEK	1,847	1,523	3,370
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,718	1,658	3,376
TO-DATE/2001	67,340	52,477	119,817
TO-DATE/2000	73,070	54,852	127,922

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	468	8	476
LAST WEEK	186	0	186
SAME WEEK YR AGO	492	0	492
TO-DATE/2001	16,519	251	16,770
TO-DATE/2000	17,856	544	18,400

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	2,472	1,446	3,918
LAST WEEK	2,033	1,523	3,556
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,210	1,658	3,868
TO-DATE/2001	83,859	52,728	136,587
TO-DATE/2000	90,926	55,396	146,322

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

28-SEP-2001				
CHICKEN				
	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			

FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.00	-	240,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	20.00			

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

28-SEP-2001				
CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED				
	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			

FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.50-20.00	17.00-20.00	952,000	212,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.50	18.38		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.75-19.50	16.00-17.00	1,218,480	764,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.16	16.21		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	17.00	8,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		17.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 28 SEPTEMBER 2001.

The undertone on tom drums was mixed, but mostly steady. The tom 2-joint wing undertone was steady to instances weak and tom full-cut wings and necks were steady to fully steady, mostly fully steady. Demand for tom bulk parts was uneven and ranged light to fair. Offerings of tom drums ranged short to instances adequate, tom 2-joint wings in a full range, tom full-cut wings and necks short of buyers' needs. Some sellers have reported increased activity on hen tray pack parts resulting in closer balanced inventories. The undertone on 4-8 lb. breasts was mostly steady with inventories held varying degrees of confidence. Trading light on all items. Fresh whole tenderloins traded at 142 cents delivered domestic and tom defatted gizzards at 70-75 cents delivered export. Defatted gizzards unsettled with some able to command premiums while others lack buyer interest.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	39.00		39.00	40	37.71	224
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	29.00		29.00	28	27.42	132
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		R	17.64	384	17.64	384
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	69.00-70.00		69.20	200	70.17	772

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	37.00-38.00		37.43	184
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	37.00	20
TAILS		W	27.00	104
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	17.50-18.00		17.64	384
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	69.00-74.00		71.54	252

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	37.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	37.00	20
TAILS	27.00		27.00	104
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		R	19.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	69.00-70.50		69.63	160

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	37.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	37.00	20
TAILS		F	29.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		R	19.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	69.75	160

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	37.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	37.00	20
TAILS		F	29.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		R	19.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	69.50-70.00		69.75	160

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY
2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.